

February 12, 2010

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you on a snow day, missing my students and staff and totally amazed at what this winter has brought to us. I truly believe in a good snow every winter so our children can have fun skiing, sled riding, building snow people and making snow angels. But this snow is so deep, we could lose our smaller children in the snow hills. We are counting the days until the crocuses and daffodils poke their heads above the ground. Many of our planned activities have had to be postponed. Check our **updated calendar** to see what is happening in the next few weeks.

**Thanks** go out to all of our parents who support us everyday and help make Manassas Christian School the best school in our community!! Special thanks go to Mrs. Carroll (Emma's Mom), who heads up the box tops. We received a check for **\$212.50** for the first half of the year. Keep bringing those Box Tops in. A box is located on the parent table inside the gym door.

Have you seen our fabulous **cookbook**? Many yummy receipts from the staff and parents alike are sure to please you and your family... Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Casey and Mackenzie's parents) for their help in compiling the book. Cookbooks can be purchased for \$11 in the office.

Thank you to all families who went to **Famous Dave's** for our first family dinner night. The weather was cold and rainy but I was glad to see so many families enjoying the great food. We received a check for **\$110**. Our second family dinner came with the recent snow – February 9<sup>th</sup> at **Chick-Fil-A**. I saw several families braving the odds to get out and we thank you for that. We **will** reschedule another night at the Chick-Fil-A since I know so many children love to eat there.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Basham (Jacob Clement's grandparents) for the donation of a **beautiful** drum set. I know our music teacher will put the drums to good use.

**Spirit Week** will take place February 15 – 19<sup>th</sup>. Follow the schedule sent home last week.

Our **Haiti Campaign** continues to amaze me every day. I hear the tinkle of coins going in the aquarium in our office. It is such a blessing to see the joy in the faces of our students as they place a baggie full of change, a hand full of coins or even just that one coin from their allowance in the aquarium. **Every penny counts!** One of our students gave up a very special gift (\$100 bill) to help the people of Haiti. I said to him "your heart must feel so good" and he smiled and said "Yes it does".

We are in the middle of our **St. Judes Hospital** campaign. Many of our students brought their permission slips back the next day and we were able to give the books to them before the last storm hit. It's **not** too late to sign up and help us help the children, who are less fortunate, have a chance of a normal life. We will continue our Math-a-Thon campaign throughout February. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mark your calendars with these updated activities:

February 12	Valentine Parties	12-3	
February 15	Regular School Day		
February 16, 18	Basketball Tournaments	2-7 pm	
February 19	End of the third grading period		
February 23	Open House	Formal Uniform	9:30-11:30
	Parent Meeting	7 pm	Kindergarten Performs
February 24	Principal's Tea	10 – 11:30	
February 25	Conferences	4-8 pm	
February 26	Bingo Night	7 pm	

- Valentine Flowers will be given out on February
- Babysitting for Parents to go out will be held on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Valentine's Day** to all. May the love you have for family and friends grow strong each day.

Very Sincerely,

Linda Bare

Principal